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Claims 1-38 were presented for examination. Claims 1-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,416,917 to Adair et al. ("the '917 patent") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,590,319 to Cohen et al. ("the '319 patent") and U.S. Patent No. 5,634,053 to Noble et al. ("the '053 patent"). Claims 1-38 remain pending in the application.